

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-8 and 10 have been amended. The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by canceled Claim 3 as originally filed. These changes do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of April 15, 2010, the Examiner set forth a number of grounds for rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 10 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment obviates the ground of rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Lee et al. (herein after “Lee”) (WO 96/40212) for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the recitation of “8 to 12% by volume fetal calf serum” from originally filed Claim 3. As admitted by the Examiner, Lee does not disclose the limitation of 8 to 12% by volume fetal calf serum. Therefore, Claim 1 is patentable over Lee. Claim 2 is also patentable over Lee since it depends from Claim 1 and recites an additional embodiment.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this ground of rejection has been obviated, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form inclusive of all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 3, which the Examiner had previously indicated as allowable. Claims 2, 4-8 and 10 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1.

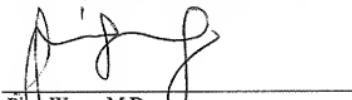
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' counsel, Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328), at 202.842.0217.

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